



Fairfax County Trips & Tours

Fall 2005/ Winter 2006



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Fairfax County Park Authority

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Fall Tours 2005 – Register Now!

How To Register For A Tour

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Use the registration form in the back of Parktakes magazine. Please complete a form for each tour participant. Tour reservations may be made by internet, mail, fax, in person or by telephone with a MasterCard or Visa, and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the trip is full.

Before you register:

You must have a membership number to self-register by phone. If you receive Parktakes magazine by mail, this number is in the upper left corner of your Parktakes mailing label located on the back cover of the magazine. If you don't have a number, call our operators at 703-222-4664 or online at www.co.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakesform.htm.

Self-register by phone: (703) 449-8639. If you know the tour that you want, simply dial-in the 10-digit code to our automated registration system, open daily from 5am - 11pm. Payment is by VISA or MasterCard only and reservations are confirmed immediately. You must have a membership number to self-register by phone.

Talk to a live operator by phone: (703) 222-4664. Operators are standing by weekdays from 9am until 4pm, and extended morning and evening hours during the first week of registration.

Internet: Register for tours via the internet by using our new Parktakes Online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm. Enter the 10-digit program code or browse through the category "Trips & Tours."

Fax: (703) 631-2004. Faxed registrations received prior to the first day of registration will be held until that date.

Mail: Mail registrations with check, VISA or MasterCard payment to FCPA/Parktakes, P.O. Box 4606, Fairfax, VA 22038. Mailed forms received prior to the first day of registration will be held until that date.

Walk-in: Bring your registration in person to any FCPA RECenter or to the FCPA main office in the Herrity Building (9am-4pm, Monday-Friday) at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 425, Fairfax, VA, near Fair Oaks Mall and across the street from the Government Center.

Tour Notes

To register for a tour by phone, call 703-222- 4664

Tour Notes

Policies

All trips and tours include transportation and trip escort. Reasonable substitutions for some items included in the printed trip description may be necessary in certain cases. See trip description for details on meals, admissions, and optional activities. Schedule times are approximate.

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Transportation: Transportation for most tours are by charter motor coach, equipped with reclining seats and restroom. However, for trips with low enrollment, a 22-passenger bus may be substituted. Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled departure time at your departure location. If registration is low, alternate transportation may be used. Call 703-222-4664 for tour reservations.

Discounts: Early registration discounts apply only to tours first advertised in Partakes. The half-price fees for in-county senior adults do not apply to tours. The class scholarship policies also do not apply to tours.

Cancellations: We reserve the right to cancel a tour due to low enrollment and/or other circumstances. If a tour is cancelled, all registrants will be notified, and all fees will be refunded. Tours will not be cancelled due to inclement weather unless you are notified by phone. Call (703) 324-TOUR (8687) for emergency weather instructions.

Refund Policy: For one-day tours, refunds, credits or transfers will be allowed up to 10 business days prior to the tour date. Because of deadlines from our bus company and vendors, if you cancel within 10 business days of the tour date, fees are not refundable. You can, however, substitute another person in your place by contacting the Tours Program Coordinator at 703-324-5220. Schedule times are approximate. Reasonable substitution for some items included in the printed trip description may be necessary in certain cases. Refunds are not given for delays or changes in the itinerary due to weather, traffic, security delays, crowds, mechanical breakdowns, or other factors beyond the Park Authority's control. FCPA is not liable for cost of tickets, meals or expenses due to schedule changes.

Confirmation & Itinerary: The week before the trip, you should receive an itinerary in the mail. If not, please call the 24-hour recorded information hotline which includes departure and return times on upcoming trips at 703-324-TOUR (8687).



Persons with Disabilities: Persons with disabilities requiring ADA accommodations must call (703) 324-8563 at least 10 business days in advance of the scheduled activity. TTY (703) 803-3354

Departure / Return Sites

Note: Customers may choose any of the departure locations listed for a specific trip. Below is a complete list of departure/return locations for upcoming trips.

Please note that customers park at their own risk. For your convenience and safety we recommend that you:



1. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Lock your vehicle.
2. Please be courteous to the nearby business and government establishments by parking away from prime spots for daytime customers (see parking instructions for each site).
3. Remain inside your vehicle or a nearby business establishment until the bus arrives and your trip escort signals that the bus is ready for boarding.
4. If you are being dropped off or picked up at a location, remember that return times will vary based on traffic and other reasons.
5. Remember to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. The bus must leave on-time to follow the itinerary.

◆ Beacon Mall @ Shoney's

6630 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA

Directions: From I-495 take the Route 1 (Richmond Highway) exit. Continue on Rt. 1 to Beacon Mall on your right. Shoney's is located in the front of the mall by the street.

Parking: Park in the lot beside Shoney's (parking spaces are angled). As a courtesy to customers, please do not park in spaces immediately adjacent to the restaurant.

Winter 2006 Tours

Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia, PA

Includes motorcoach and show admission. Gaze upon gorgeous flower arrangements, smell the sweet aroma of a variety of flora, and become inspired with new ideas for your own gardens with a visit to the Philadelphia Flower Show. This years theme is "Enchanted Spring...A Tribute to Mother Nature". There are world class exhibits, accomplished horticulturists, and a grandiose marketplace finishes the journey at the largest indoor flower show in the world. Lunch will be on your own at the show.

Flower shows on March 5 & 11 bus departure/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall - depart 5:30am, return 9:15pm; Mason Government Center- depart 6:00am, return 8:45pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 6:30am, return 8:15pm.

Flower show on March 6 bus departure/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall - depart 6:30am, return 9:00pm; Mason Government Center- depart 7:00am, return 8:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 7:30am, return 8:00pm.

Date	Fee	Code
Sun, March 5	\$74	316 190 6201
Mon, March 6	\$74	316 190 6202
Satu, March 11	\$74	316 190 6203

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Hanover, MD

Sun, March 19 Fee:\$86 Code: 316 192 0601
Includes motorcoach and dinner. Be transported back to the Middle Ages for an evening. Feast on a four-course medieval meal in a stadium setting. Where you are eating, there will be fearless knights jousting and dueling in the arena below. For more information visit their website at www.medievaltimes.com. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Fair Oaks Mall - depart 2:15pm, return 9:15pm; Mason Government Center- depart 2:45pm, return 8:45pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 3:15pm, return 8:15pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

New York! New York!

Sat, March 18 Fee:\$69 Code: 159 191 6901
Enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City. The bus stops at Macy's on Central Manhattan's 34th Street. Then, it's your choice of shopping, visiting nearby tourist attractions or catching your favorite Broadway Show. Bus departs at 6am from and returns at midnight to Providence RECenter. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Winter Tours 2006

Registration Begins November 29, 2005

The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

Sat, February 11 Fee:\$41 Code: 316 190 6801
Includes motorcoach and admission. Come into contact with 55 centuries of art at the Walters Art Museum. There are more than 30,000 objects from around the world and across the ages to view. Beautiful works by Monet, Faberge, Delacroix and Raphael, in addition to, exquisite special exhibits. Lunch is on your own. Bus pickup/return schedule is: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 8:00am, return 6:00pm; Mason Government Center- depart 8:30am, return 5:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 9:00am, return 5:00pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

American Indian & Air & Space Museums, Washington DC

Sat, February 25 Fee:\$52 Code: 316 190 6801
Includes motorcoach and admission. View multiple Native American Indian artifacts and exhibits. Then walk next door to the Air & Space Museum and continue your exploration into the world of flight and space with a variety of attractions to view. Lunch will be on your own at the Air & Space museum. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Fair Oaks Mall: depart 9am, return 5:30pm ; Mason Government Center: 9:30am depart , return 5pm; Beacon Mall @ Shoney's: 10am depart, return 4:30pm . Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Maryland Science Center, Baltimore, MD

Sat, March 4 Fee: \$50 Code: 316 191 6901
Includes motorcoach, Exhibit Halls, and Planetarium. What do fossils, outer space, dinosaurs, and kinetic energy have in common? These are a few of the exhilarating hands on and visual exhibits at the Maryland Science Center. In addition to these attractions is the simulated star filled skies of the Planetarium show. Lunch and IMAX movies on your own. Bus pick-up/return schedule is : Fair Oaks Mall- depart 8:30am, return 6pm; Mason Government Center- depart 9am, return 5:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 9:30am, return 5pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

◆ **Fair Oaks Mall**

Sign Post #1 across from Marriott Hotel
Routes 66 and 50
Fairfax, VA

Directions: From 495 take 66 WEST (exit 9) to Rt. 50 WEST (exit 57). Go ½ mile to the Fair Oaks Mall exit on right. Follow service road and go towards the LEFT. The lot will be in front of Hecht's.

Parking: Park anywhere near sign post #1.

◆ **Mason Government Center**

(Pickup behind building at Police substation)
6507 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA

Directions: From I-495 take Rt. 236 Little River Turnpike exit (52B-A) towards Annandale/Fairfax. Bear right onto Little River Turnpike eastbound, go 1 mile and turn left onto Backlick Rd. Take a right onto Columbia Pike and go approximately 1.7 miles to the center on your right, just past Belvedere Elementary School.

Parking: Park in the back row, along the wooden fence.

◆ **Providence RECenter**

(located next to Falls Church High School)
7525 Marc Drive
Falls Church, VA

Directions: From I-495, take Exit 50B, which is Arlington Blvd. Or from Rt. 50 EAST, turn right onto Jaguar Trail and then turn right on Marc Drive.

Parking: Park by Tennis Courts at Falls Church HS. There is no pickup at the RECenter.

Fall 2005 TOURS

The Killer Angles- Wayside Theater, Middletown Va

Sat, Sept 17 Fee:\$85 Code: 316 490 7501
Includes motor coach, admission and meal. Adapted from the award winning book of the same name that led to the movie, Gettysburg, Ms Tarjan's wonderful play takes you right inside the thrilling story of the three days that changed America's history during the Civil War. History so alive you can reach out and touch it. The bus pick-up/return schedule is: Beacon Mall at Shoneys- depart 9:15am, return 7pm; Mason Government Center- depart 9:45am return 6:30pm ; Fair Oaks Mall, depart 10:15am, return 6pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

New York! New York!

Sat, Sept 17 Fee: \$71 Code: 159 491 6901
Sat, Oct 15 Fee:\$71 Code: 159 491 6902
Includes motor coach. Enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City. The bus stops at Macy's on Central Manhattan's 34th Street. Then, it's your choice of shopping, visiting nearby tourist attractions or catching your favorite Broadway Show. Bus departs at 6am from and returns at midnight to Providence RECenter. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Fredericksburg Riverboat Cruise

Sun, Sept 18 Fee:\$94 Code:316 490 0401
Includes motor coach, brunch and cruise. Depart from Old downtown Fredericksburg for a romantic cruise. Relax and enjoy the sights and sounds along the Rappahanock river while you dine cruise. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 8:30am, return 8pm; Mason Government Center - depart 9am, return 7:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's - depart 9:30am, return 7pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.



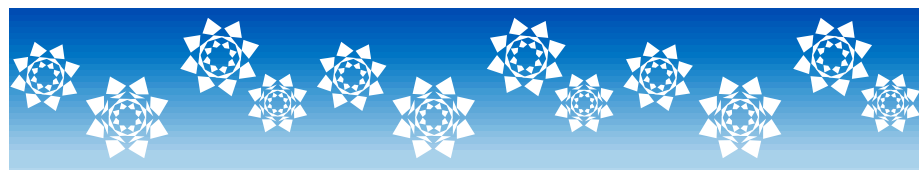
Miracle of Christmas: Sight & Sound Theater

Sat, Dec 10 Fee:\$139 Code: 316 493 3901
Includes motor coach, admission, and meal. Join us for a 2 ½ hour show experiencing the story of a baby born to young Mary, betrothed to Joseph. Witness their journey of faith and love to be awe-inspired by the beautiful songs and costumes put on by the Sight and Sound Theatres. Dinner at the Good N' Plenty restaurant to be followed after the show. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 7am, return 9pm; Mason Government Center-depart 7:30am, return 8:30pm, Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 8am, return 8pm.Trip may be cancelled if minimum is not met 10 days prior to trip date.

Christmas Spectacular – Radio City Music Hall, NY

Trip includes motor coach and admission, second mezzanine seating. Come see the famous Rockettes in their timeless performance of Christmas Spectacular. Time has been allotted for before or after the show shopping and sightseeing. The motorcoach pickup/return schedule is as follows Fair Oaks Mall– depart 5am, return 12am; Mason Government Center – depart 5:30am, return 11:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's – depart 6am, return 11pm.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Sat, Nov 19	2:00 pm	316 491 9601	\$158
Sat, Nov 26	2:00 pm	316 491 9602	\$158
Sun, Dec 4	3:00 pm	316 491 9603	\$158
Fri, Dec 9	3:30 pm	316 491 9604	\$158
Sun, Dec 11	3:00 pm	316 491 9605	\$158
Fri, Dec 16	3:30 pm	316 491 9606	\$158
Sat, Dec 17	2:00 pm	316 491 9607	\$158
Sun, Dec 18	3:00 pm	316 491 9608	\$158
Thur, Dec 22	2:00 pm	316 491 9609	\$158



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The Punkin Chunkin Competition & Festival, Millsboro, DE

Sat, Nov. 5 Fee:\$63 Code: 159 490 6101
Includes motor coach and admission. Meals on your own. This year's Punkin Chunkin Competition and Festival will offer lots of excitement, entertainment, and fun, including the all day punkin chunkin competition with world famous punkin chunkin inventions such as "Bad to the Bone" Catapult, The Terminator Air Cannon, Oversized "Sledgehammer" Slingshot, and The Aludium Q36 Pumpkin Modulator, plus many more. In addition, there will be live band entertainment throughout the day, great food and drink vendors, craft vendors, and fireworks at dusk! Bus departs at 6am from and returns at 11pm to Providence RECenter. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

New York City

Fri, Nov 11 Fee:\$74 Code: 316 491 6401
Includes motor coach. Spend the day on your own in the Big Apple. There is a plethora of activities in which to partake including shopping, sightseeing or taking in a Broadway show. Arrive in NY at 10:00 am and depart for home at 6:30 pm on a motorcoach from the Port Authority. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall-depart 5am, return 12pm; Mason Government Center -depart 5:30am, return 11:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's -depart 6am, return 11pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Virginia Winery Tour: Central Virginia Wineries

Sat, Nov 12 Fee:\$75 Code: 316 490 0801
Includes motor coach, winery tours, souvenir wine glass and lunch. Treat your taste buds to some fine wine at Prince Michele and Burnley Vineyards. Learn the history of wine making in Prince Michele's museum, and enjoy a tasty lunch at Burnley Vineyards. Due to scheduling changes a substitution winery may be necessary. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 7:30am, return 6:45pm; Mason Government Center- depart 8am, return 6:15pm; Fair Oaks Mall- depart 8:30am, return 5:45pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Fallingwater /Kentuck Knob

Sun, Nov 13 Fee:\$125 Code: 316 491 8401
Includes motor coach, admission and dinner. Fallingwater is a testimony to Mr. Wright's architectural genius. Kentuck Knob and the grand foliage will add infinitely to a memorable trip. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall - depart 6am, return 11:30pm; Mason Government Center - depart 6:30am, return 11pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's - depart 7am, return 10:30pm.

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Ellis and Liberty Island, Liberty Island NJ

Fri, Sept 23 Fee:\$89 Code:316 490 0501
Includes motor coach, and admissions. More than 16 million immigrants began a new life in America at Ellis Island. As you visit the U.S. Immigration Center and Statue of Liberty, imagine the poignant story of their diverse experiences. Learn about the history of the Statue of Liberty on the Observatory tour inside the Statue. Meals are on your own. Bus pick up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 5:30am, return 11pm; Mason Government Center - depart 6am, return 10:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's - depart 6:30am, return 10pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

The "Witness" Movie Experience, Bird-in-hand, PA

Sat, Sept 24 Fee:\$103 Code:316 491 1401
Includes motor coach, a tour of the farm, admission to the Cultural History Museum and lunch. Twenty years ago the movie "Witness" became a worldwide hit. For a limited time the "Witness Farm" is available for touring. Experience the movie magic with a guided tour of the farm and a delicious meal afterwards. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 7am, return 10pm; Mason Government Center- depart 7:30am, return 9:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 8am, return 9pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

NASCAR- Dover Downs

Sat, Sept 25 Fee:\$157 Code:316 491 0701
Trip includes motor coach and admissions. Speed into Victory Lane when NASCAR roars into Delaware. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall – depart 6:30am, return 7:30pm; Mason Government Center – depart 7am, return 7pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's – depart 7:30am, return 6:30pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

The Pajama Game- Dutch Apple Theater, Lancaster PA

Sat, Oct 1 Fee:\$93 Code:316 490 6301
Includes motor coach, admission and meal. The aura at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory is hostile between the new superintendent Sid Sorokin and the leader of the union grievance committee, Babe Williams. When the workers strike for a 71/2-cent pay increase it sets off not only a conflict between management and labor but a battle of the sexes as well. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 7:30am, return 6:45pm; Mason Government Center- depart 8:00am, return 6:15 pm, Beacon Mall at Shoney's - depart 8:30am, return 5:45pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days to trip date.

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Charles Town Races & Slots

Sun, Oct 2 Fee:\$73 Code:316 491 8601
Includes motor coach, buffet brunch and racing form. Enjoy the slots, the races, and a day at the track! Bus pick-up/return schedule: Beacon Mall at Shoney's – depart 9am, return 7pm; Mason Government Center – depart 9:30am, return 6:30pm; Fair Oaks Mall – depart 10am, return 6pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Graves Mountain Lodge – Apple Festival, Syria VA

Sat, Oct 8 Fee: \$64 Code:316 491 8101
Trip includes motor coach, festival, and lunch. Enjoy the Apple Butter Festival weekend, scenic bus trip, and Graves Lodge delicious buffet luncheon. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Beacon Mall at Shoney's - depart 9:00am, return 6:30pm; Mason Government Center - depart 9:30am, return 6pm, Fair Oaks Mall- depart 10am, return 5:30pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Brandywine River Museum/Longwood Gardens, Chadds Ford, PA

Sat, Oct 15 Fee:\$85 Code: 316 491 3101
Includes motor coach and admissions. Brandywine River Museum is a unique showcase of American art housed in an historic 19th century gristmill. It is famous for its collections of works by three generations of the Wyeth family, Andrew Wyeth, N.C. Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth. Hundreds of other American artists are also featured. Outside, stroll paths studded with antique millstones winding through wildflower gardens to the banks of the Brandywine River. We continue to Longwood Gardens with over 1000 acres of gardens and woodlands. Lunch is on your own at Longwood. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 6am, return 8pm; Mason Government Center- depart 6:30am, return 7:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 7am, return 7pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Historic Philadelphia

Fri, Oct 21 Fee:\$64 Code: 316 490 7101
Includes motor coach and guided tour. See the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Elfreth's Alley and Society Hill, through an optional guided tour or with an interactive map that guides you through Historical Philadelphia. Meals are on your own. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Admissions into historical sites not included. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 6am, return 9:45pm; Mason Government Center- depart 6:30am, return 9:15pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 7am, return 8:45pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

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Total Amish Experience Country Tour, Bird-in-Hand, PA

Sat, Oct 22 Fee:\$98 Code: 316 491 7501
Includes motor coach, admission, meal and guide. This new Amish tour has four interesting and captivating experiences. The first is the five-screen film about the daily life of an Amish family. The second is the "Heritage Site" Amish house that can be toured with a guide. The third is the beautiful ride through the countryside with a step-on guide. And the fourth is the "pass-the-platter" meal at the Plain & Fancy Farm. Bus pick-up/return schedule: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 7am, return 10pm; Mason Government Center- depart 7:30am, return 9:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 8am, return 9pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Shenandoah Skyline/National Park

Sun, Oct 23 Fee:\$57 Code:316 491 8301
Includes motor coach and admission. Travel the scenic skyline through the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Stop at scenic overlooks for sightseeing and picture taking. Midway through our journey, we'll stop at Big Meadows for lunch on your own and a panoramic view. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 7am, return 7pm; Mason Government Center- depart 7:30am, 6:30pm; Fair Oaks Mall- depart 8am, return 6pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Sleuth- Wayside Theater, Middletown VA

Sat, Oct 29 Fee:\$85 Code: 316 490 7401
Includes motor coach, admission and meal. A classic mystery and suspense tale unfolds when a man of the theatre who loves game playing invites his wife's lover to meet him. Think of the perfect crime and then go one step further and you're in for a thrilling, edge of your seat treat. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Beacon Mall at Shoneys- depart 9:15am, return 7pm; Mason Government Center- depart 9:45pm return 6:30pm ; Fair Oaks Mall, depart 10:15am, return 6pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.

Atlantic City - Showboat

Fri, Nov 4 Fee:\$64 Code: 316 491 9001
Includes motor coach. Bring your money and some great walking shoes. Spend the day at the Showboat casino or take a walk along the boardwalk and visit the Taj Mahal, and Tropicana. Meals on your own. Bus pick-up/return schedule is: Fair Oaks Mall- depart 6am, return 11pm; Mason Government Center- depart 6:30am return 10:30pm; Beacon Mall at Shoney's- depart 7am, return 10pm. Trips may be cancelled if minimum is not met ten days prior to trip date.